(b) if so, the assistance provided during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any scientific method to prevent sea erosion by erecting walls; and

(d) if not, the other effective methods used to prevent sea erosion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 10.00 crore was provided to Government of Tamil Nadu during2003-2004 for prevention of sea erosion in the State. Assistance was also provided to six coastal States/UTs under the scheme "Critical anti-erosion works in coastal and other than Ganga basin States". State-wise assistance provided during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the scheme is as follows:

Sl. No	State/Ut	Releases made during the year (Rs. in crore)		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Karnataka	0.50	-	-
2	Kerala	0.50	-	-
3	Maharashtra	-	1.00	1.30
4	Orissa	0.50	-	1.00
5	Pondicherry	-	1.00	-
6	Tamil Nadu	-	1.00	1.32
	TOTAL	1.50	3.00	3.62

(c) Yes, Sir. Erection of sea walls is one of the scientific methods to prevent sea erosion.

(d) Does not arise.

Irrigation in Jharkhand

1631. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of irrigation in Jharkhand;

(b) what is the percentage of irrigation in Gumla and Simdega districts of Jharkhand;

(c) whether Government have any plans to increase the assured water supply to these poorest districts of India;

(d) if so, the details of the projects for next 5 years under irrigation, block-wise and land-wise; and

(e) what is the percentage of irrigation in the tribal areas of Jharkhand in terms of total land available?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) As per available information, the area under irrigation in Jharkhand is about 12.9% of the total cultivable area. This percentage in respect of Gumla and Simdega district is 4.7% and 2.7% respectively.

(c) and (d) As reported by the Government of Jharkhand, 3 medium irrigation schemes and 2753 minor irrigation schemes are planned to be executed in Gumla and Simdega districts in the next 5 years. The details of the schemes are as under:

Medium Irrigation

Name of the Scheme	Name of district	Irrigation potential to be created (In ha.)
(i) Uppar Sankh (ii)	Gumla	7110
Kansgore (iii)	Simdega	4500
Ramrekha	Simdega	3167

Minor Irrigation

Name of the Scheme	Name of schemes	Irrigation potential to be created (In ha.)
Gumla	1675	16764
Simdega	1078	9514

(e) As per the report furnished by the Government of Jharkhand, irrigation has been provided to 13.3% of the total cultivable land in tribal areas of Jharkhand.